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MEMORANDUM FOR Warrior Transition Brigade-National Capital Region (WTB-NCR)

SUBJECT: Warrior Transition Brigade- National Capital Region (WTB-NCR) Policy Letter # 22- Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms

1. REFERENCE:

- a. AR-670-1, Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia, 11 May 2012
- b. OTSG/MEDCOM Soldiers in Transition (STs) RC SOLDIER'S HANDBOOK, 29 MAY 2007
- c. ALARACT 186/2007, DTG: 231938Z AUG 07, Subject: Uniform Wear Policy Changes for Soldiers assigned to the Warrior Transition Unit
- 2. APPLICABILITY: This Policy applies to all Military personnel assigned or attached to the Warrior Transition Brigade. This policy extends to Bethesda, Fort Meade and Belvoir WTUs.
- 3. GENERAL: This policy letter supplements AR 670-1.

4. POLICY:

a. Duty Uniform

- (1) The duty uniform for the WTB is the Army Combat Uniform (ACU), with the sleeves of the uniform down at all times. The ACU is authorized for wear off the installation. When wearing the uniform off-post, it must be clean and serviceable and the Soldier shall be in complete uniform at all times. The ACU may be worn in any retail, customer service facility or for official travel. The duty uniform shall not be worn at movie theaters, exotic dance clubs or any other recreational (miniature golf, arcades, etc.) or leisure pursuits. Civilian clothing is the proper attire for leisure activities. Soldiers shall not consume alcoholic beverages in the duty uniform on or off the installation.
- (2) The ACU patrol cap is the primary headgear for all Soldiers as the duty uniform headgear. The black beret will be retained and worn with dress uniforms. Soldiers in Transition who are authorized to wear the green, tan or maroon beret with the ACU will continue to do so in accordance with AR 670-1. Enlisted Cadre will wear the Northern Regional Medical Command's Distinctive Unit Insignia (DUI) when the black beret is authorized for wear.

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- (3) Soldiers in Transition assigned or attached to the WTB will continue to wear the Shoulder Sleeve Insignia (SSI) authorized from their last unit of assignment. Cadre assigned or attached to the WTB will wear the MEDCOM SSI.
 - b. Improved Physical Fitness Uniform (IPFU).
- (1) The IPFU is authorized for wear while conducting physical training, Rehabilitation Therapy (Physical Therapy, OT, MATC) or participating in sports events on or off the installation.
- (2) The IPFU may be worn in dining facilities. Heavily soiled, dirty or sweat soaked uniforms shall not be worn in any on-post facility.
- (3) The only authorized running shoe is those that accommodate all five toes in one compartment. Those that feature five separate, individual compartments for the toes detract from a professional military image and are prohibited for wear with the IPFU.
- 5. EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY. Occasionally, a Soldier in Transition may have a medical condition that could prevent him or her from wearing the uniform as prescribed in AR-670-1 and all the cited reference above, to include this policy. Soldiers may be granted an exception to these references and policies if recommended by their Primary Care Manager, validated by the Inter-Disciplinary Team and approved by either the Brigade/Battalion Surgeon or Brigade/Battalion Commander. If approved, this limitation will be annotated on the approved Physical Profile (DA Form 3349). Regardless of the uniform (ACU, IPFU, etc.), Soldiers will still maintain proper grooming standards as applicable.
- 6. For any questions and/or clarification of this policy, the point of contact is the Brigade CSM at 301-400-2308.

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